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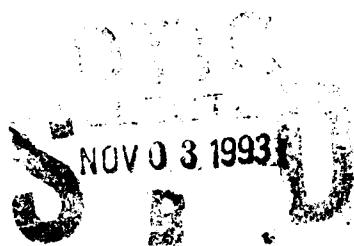


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PROCESSING OF CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA
FOR MODEL INITIALIZATION

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ABSTRACT

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- 1) to acquire climatological data sets for the NA, and archive them on a data library.
- 2) to develop an interpolation procedure for 2-D, and 3-D data fields from a regular grid into the generalized coordinate system adopted by the ocean models.
- 3) to prepare plotting facilities for the display and presentation of the original and interpolated data sets.

The numerical programs described by this document and the user's manual associated with them were developed and implemented by Ms. Grace Foo, a PhD student in the Scientific Computing Program at USM, and part-time research assistant with COAM.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Under ONR Grant No. N00014-92-J-4112, The Center for Ocean & Atmospheric Modeling (COAM) at The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) has undertaken a scientific program to develop an ocean prediction system with emphasis in the North Atlantic that connects a basin-wide, eddy-resolving model with regional models incorporating data assimilation procedures to provide the requested forecasting ability in selected areas. An essential part of the project is also to evaluate new physical/numerical formulations that take advantage of the advancing computer technologies and are suitable for basin-wide, eddy-resolving ocean circulation simulations.

Two are the models that COAM will evaluate and apply to the prediction system: The S-Coordinate Rutgers University Model (SCRUM), and the Spectral Finite Element (SFE) model, both designed and developed by Prof. D. Haidvogel and his colleagues at Rutgers University.

To construct a robust operational prediction system, it is necessary to perform extensive sensitivity and calibration studies to evaluate the numerical efficiency and physical accuracy of the models. Moreover, both SCRUM and SFE, being recently released, are lacking a background of testing under different dynamical regimes. Therefore, there is a need to design a series of preliminary experiments in which different physical/numerical issues can be isolated easily and investigated separately.

This document is focused on the initialization for such preliminary simulations and describes the interpolation procedure from climatological data into SCRUM grid configurations. The initialization procedure for the SFE model is under implementation. Climatological data are usually on a coarse but regular grid that removes most of the mesoscale signals and destroys small-scale features; SCRUM uses an orthogonal curvilinear coordinate system which conforms to the irregular coastal boundaries and a generalized vertical

coordinate transformation that follows the bottom topography. Numerical experiments will be necessary for generating a numerical grid suitable for the assessment of the basin-wide, eddy-resolving model. Thus, the issue is to implement an interpolation package that can be applied easily, is numerically efficient, yet preserves the dominant features of the original data sets.

This document describes and documents a numerical procedure to compile data sets to be applied in the North Atlantic (NA) basin-wide numerical simulations. The specific objectives are:

- 1) to acquire climatological data sets for the NA, and archive them on a data library (NADL).
- 2) to develop an interpolation procedure for 2-D and 3-D data fields from a regular grid into the generalized coordinate system of the SCRUM and SFE grids. This group of programs also constitutes the initial kernel for the development of a library of utility programs (NAUL)to be used in connection with the North Atlantic ocean prediction system.
- 3) to prepare plotting facilities for the display and presentation of the original and interpolated data sets.

2. NORTH ATLANTIC DATA LIBRARY (NADL)

The Levitus annual mean of temperature, T, and salinity, S, and the Hellerman wind stress data sets constitute the first kernel for the North Atlantic Data Library (NADL). The library will contain data files covering the region extending from 20°S (to include the Tropical Convergence Zone (TCZ)) to 75°N (the Fram Straits) from 110°W to 20°E (from American to European/African coasts) (Fig.1).

The extracted data sets are usually reformatted according to the standards defined for the NADL. The NADL is intended for the sole internal use of the group engaged in the development of the ocean prediction system. It has not been conceived as a facility to be accessed by a wide number of users.

3. THE INTERPOLATION PROCEDURES

The Hellerman and Levitus data sets are representative of 2-D vectorial and 3-D scalar data fields, respectively. The different nature of the original data sets leads to different issues and approaches in the interpolation algorithms, as discussed in the following sections. The results are presented for the SCRUM grid illustrated in Fig. 1. However, the interpolation procedure is independent of the grid configuration. Information relative to the model domain are extracted from the files generated by the grid generation package developed by Hedstrom and Wilkins (User's manual, in preparation) and supported by Prof. D. Haidvogel as part of the SCRUM and SFE models. Thus, the algorithms described in this document can be applied also to the SFE model with minimum changes in the input file requirements.

3.1. The 2-D Vector Field Interpolation Procedure

Hellerman winds are interpolated on two steps as follows:

- 1) perform a 2-D horizontal scalar interpolation of the (x,y) (i.e, longitude, latitude) wind components. The interpolation is done using the bilinear algorithm developed by Dr. D.-S. Ko (Aug. 1989), and included in the North Atlantic Utility Library (NAUL).
- 2) perform a rotation of the axis such that at each grid point the wind components are referred to the orthogonal, boundary fitted (ξ, η) coordinate system of SCRUM.

The annual mean Hellerman wind in the subdomain stored in the NADL and the associated interpolated field are depicted in Figs. 2. and 3., respectively. As Figs. 2. and 3. indicate, the program changes the wind stress units. The Hellerman wind stresses, (τ_x, τ_y) , are referred on CGS units (dyne/cm²); on the other hand, SCRUM uses MKSA units and takes $(\tau_x, \tau_y)/\rho_0$. Thus, a scale factor is introduced to make the data consistent with the model requirements.

Five programs are used to process/plot the wind data:

- 1) **w3.f** (prepare data set for NADL)
- 2) **r2.f** (prepare numerical grid coord file)
- 3) **bilw.f** (interpolate onto numerical grid)
- 4) **wl1.f** (plot selected Wind data)
- 5) **wi1.f** (plot interpolated Wind field)

3.2. The 3-D Scalar Field Interpolation Procedure

The Levitus annual mean of temperature and salinity are interpolated on the following steps:

- 1) perform a 2-D extrapolation of the Levitus data over the whole NA region of the NADL.
Extrapolation is done using the ZGRID algorithm developed by J. Taylor et al. (1971).
- 2) perform a 2-D horizontal bilinear interpolation of T and S data fields at each z-level of the original Levitus data set.
- 3) perform a 1-D vertical interpolation at each (ξ, η) point on the numerical grid. The interpolation is done using a cubic spline algorithm from Numerical Recipes (W. H. Press et al., 1986).
- 4) compute the density field associated with the T, and S data distributions. Density is computed from the UNESCO '80 equation of state (Millero and Poisson, 1981).

The 2-D horizontal interpolation is in two steps because of the coarseness of the Levitus data, and the misfit between the numerical grid boundaries and the geographical coastlines. The extrapolation over the NA box guarantees that not many undefined data points are close to the boundaries of the numerical grid and facilitates application of the bilinear interpolation algorithm.

The separation between horizontal and vertical interpolation has been suggested to accelerate studies of the sensitivity of the model to the vertical grid resolution (i.e., we expect to conduct several experiments configured in the same horizontal grid but with different vertical structure). The 2-D interpolated temperature, salinity, and density at selected z-levels are depicted in Fig. 4.

The vertical interpolation algorithm requires the definition of the depth at each numerical grid point and can be applied easily to any general vertical coordinate transformation adopted by the ocean circulation model.

It is known that in a generalized vertical coordinate system, s , conforming to the bottom topography, computation of the pressure gradient forces are complicated and might introduce sensible errors in the evolving solution (Haney, 1991). In order to improve the model performance, it is customary to decompose the density, ρ_{Tot} , and the constituent T_{Tot} , and S_{Tot} as follows:

$$\rho_{\text{Tot}} = \rho_{\text{bar}}(z) + \rho(\xi, \eta, s, t)$$

$$T_{\text{Tot}} = T_{\text{bar}}(z) + T(\xi, \eta, s, t)$$

$$S_{\text{Tot}} = S_{\text{bar}}(z) + S(\xi, \eta, s, t)$$

where $z = z(\xi, \eta, s)$, ρ_{bar} , T_{bar} , and S_{bar} represent the state of the quiescent ocean, ρ , T , and S the perturbated fields.

To augment the accuracy of the density and pressure forces computations and increase the stability of the model, it is necessary to ensure that the perturbated density is weakly stratified with respect to the basic state. Since the problem is associated with the numerical rather than the physical formulation of the ocean model, the basic state is defined as the mean value of the total field distributions at each given z -level. (Since the equation of state is not linear, ρ_{bar} cannot be computed from T_{bar} and S_{bar} , directly). Thus, in performing the 2-D interpolation, the algorithm also computes the mean values for the definitions of the basic state. Fig. 5. illustrates the basic state of the quiescent ocean relative to the numerical grid.

The numerical algorithm for the computation of the density field also includes a routine to verify that the density field is stable stratified, and eventually performs a vertical mixing of the constituent fields.

Five programs to process the Levitus data:

- 1) **gll1.f** (prepares input data coordfile)
- 2) **zgi.f** (extrapolation of input data)
- 3) **bilt.f** (interpolates onto numerical grid)

- 4) **rh1.f** (computes density field)
- 5) **vit1.f** (performs vertical interpolation)

Five programs to plot Levitus data:

- 1) **tl1.f** (plots Levitus data on the NA domain at a given z-level)
- 2) **ti1.f** (plots interpolated 2-D data at a given z-level)
- 3) **cil.f** (color plots of 2-D interpolated at a given z-level)
- 4) **dts.f** (plot vertical profile of the basic state)
- 5) **ts1.f** (plots T-S diagram)

4. PLOTTING FACILITIES

Plotting facilities are for the display and presentation of the data sets and have been described in the previous sections. Plots are made using NCAR Graphics software. The plotting utilities include options for color graphics (not presented in this document) and display of T-S diagrams. The latter facility is for a preliminary evaluation of the water masses present in the data sets, to trace their evolution according to the model solution.

Fig 6. displays the T-S diagram of the upper 50m.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The Hellerman's wind and Levitus climatological data sets were acquired and processed for preliminary evaluations of an eddy-resolving ocean circulation model for the NA.

The goal is to implement an interpolation package that can be applied easily, is numerically efficient, yet preserves the dominant features of the original records. The new processed data sets are part of the initial conditions and forcing mechanisms to be applied in numerical experiments that will verify the physical accuracy and numerical efficiency of the models.

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FIGURES

- 1) The North Atlantic domain for the NADL, and the orthogonal boundary fitted numerical grid used in this document.
- 2) The Hellerman annual wind original data: (a) The longitude (x) component; (b) the latitude (y) component; (c) the wind stress vector directions and magnitude.
- 3) The Hellerman annual wind interpolated data. Same as Fig. 2.
- 4) The 2-D interpolated Levitus data at the z-levels: 50, 500, 1000 m.: (a) temperature; (b) salinity, and (c) density.
- 5) The basic state of the quiescent ocean over the numerical grid.
- 6) The T-S diagrams of the upper 50m.
- 7) The diagram of the files generated by the interpolation packages.

NORTH ATLANTIC

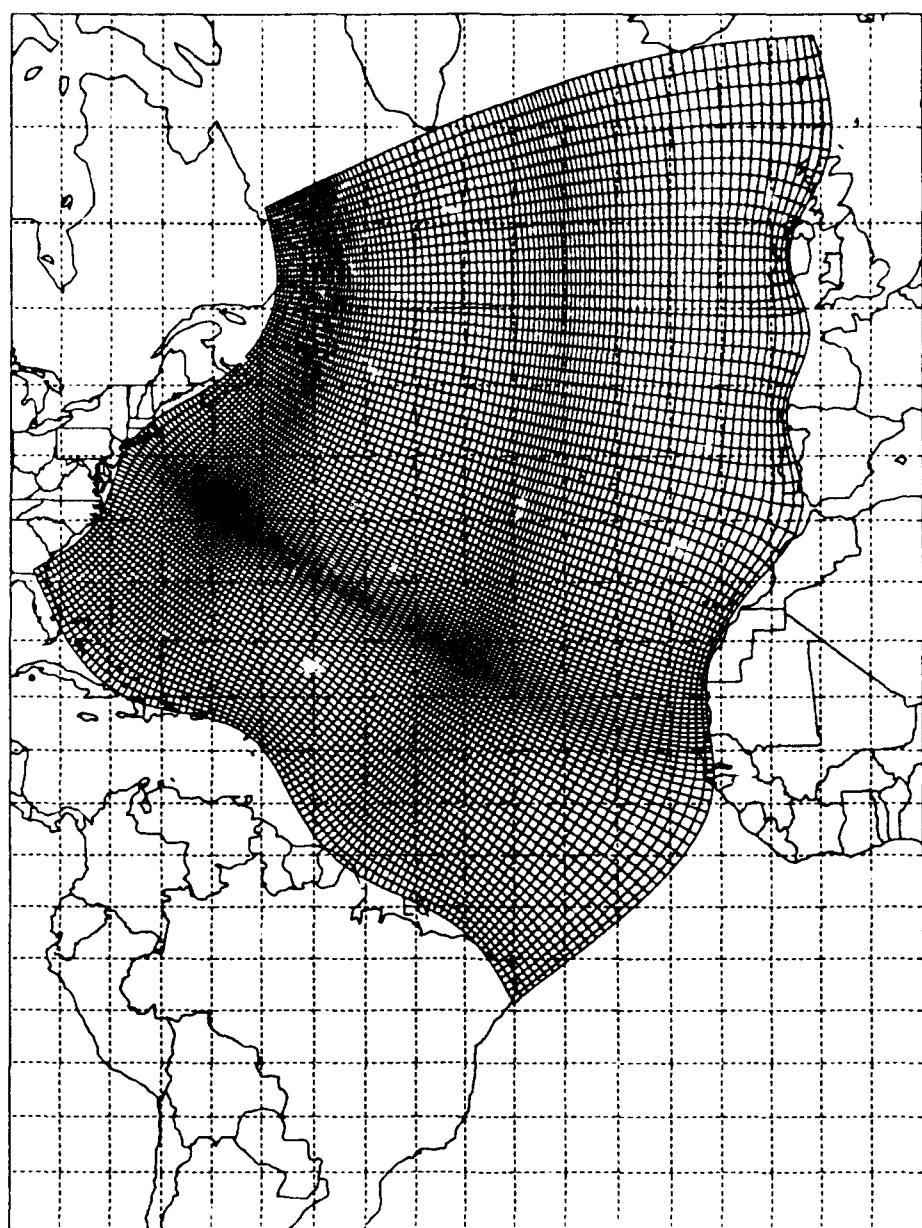
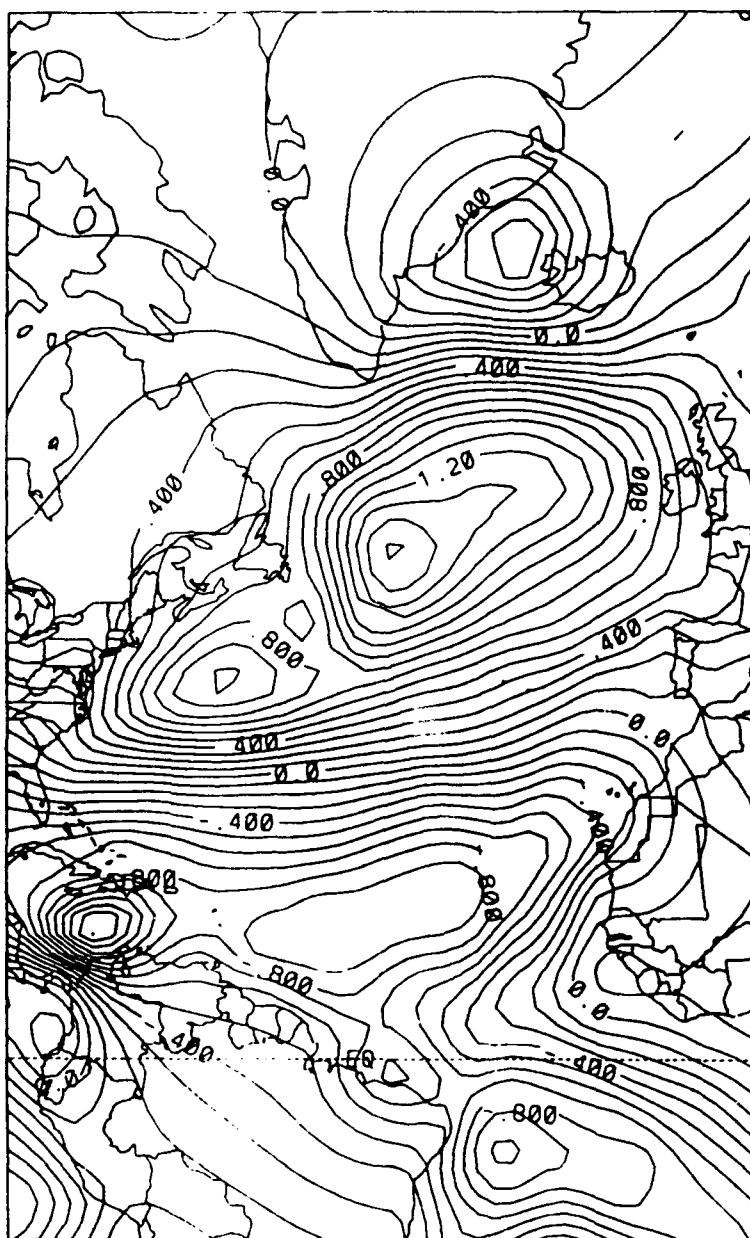


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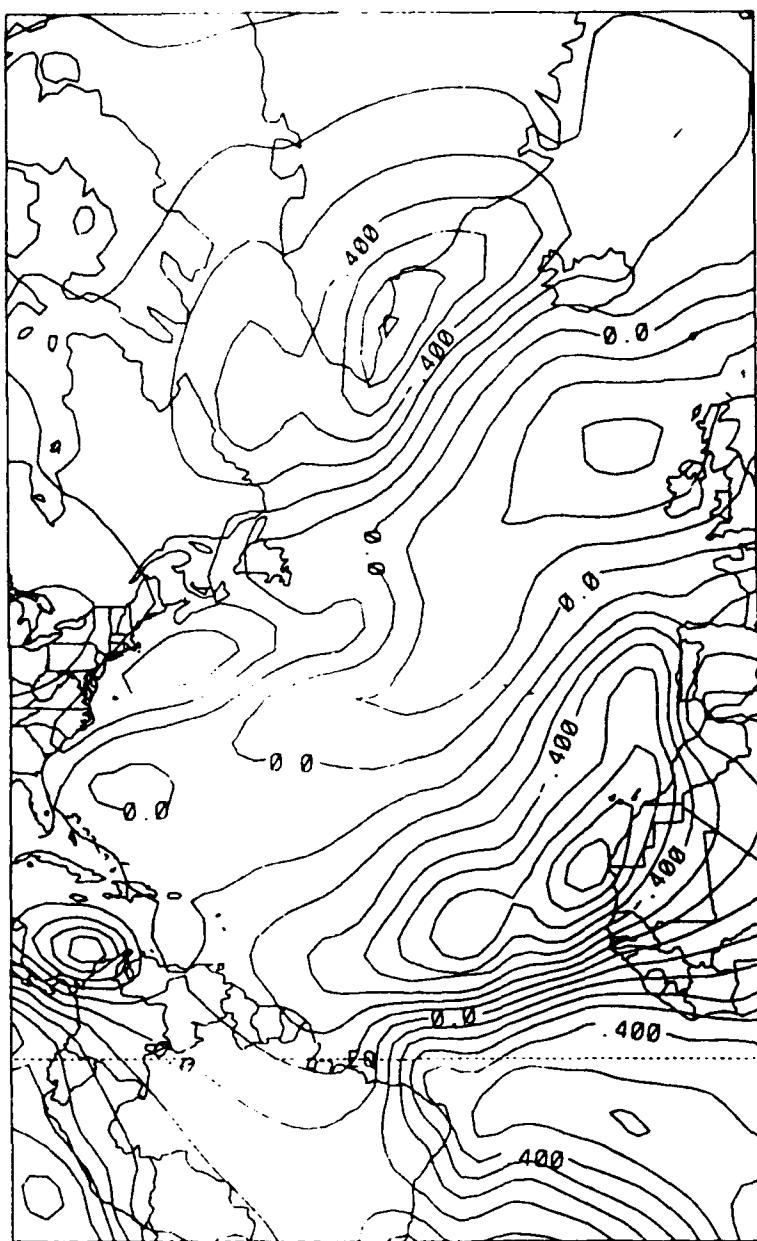
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CONTOUR FROM -1.4000 TO 1.5000 CONTOUR INTERVAL OF 0.10000 PT(3 3) = -0.58362

Figure 2a

Original Wind Y - Annual Mean



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Figure 2b

Wind Vectors – Annual Mean

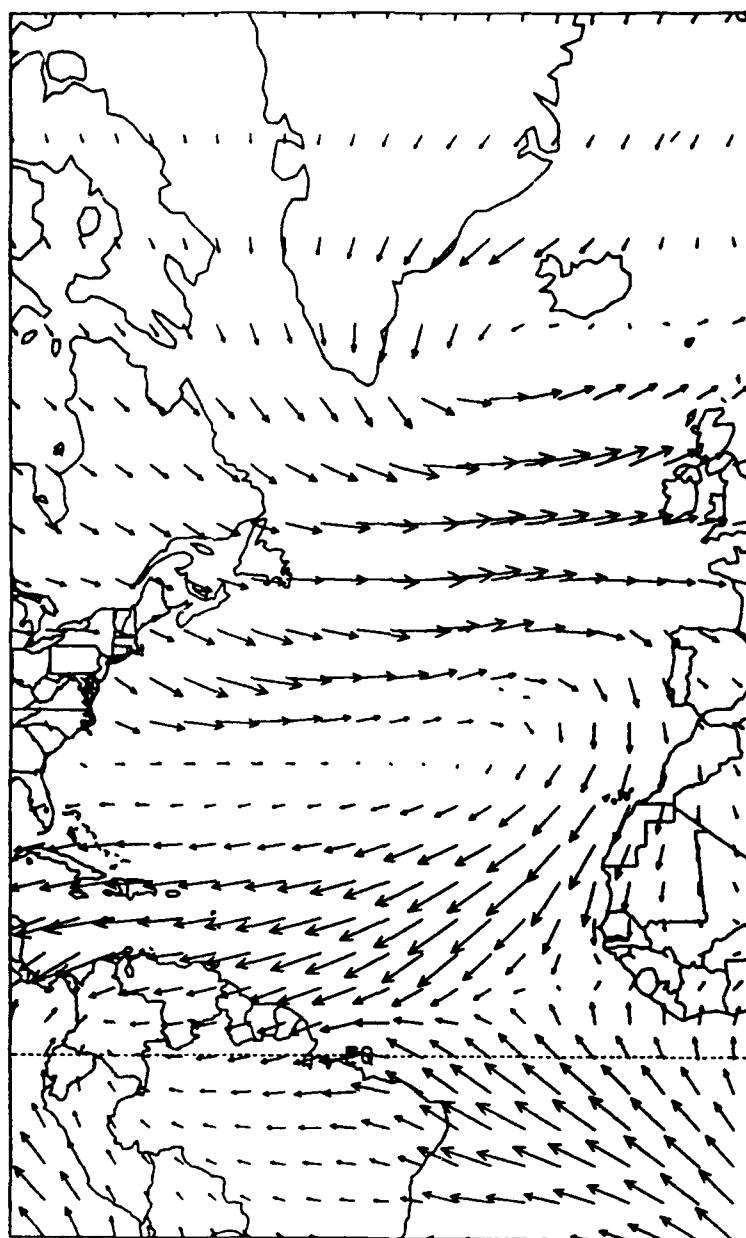
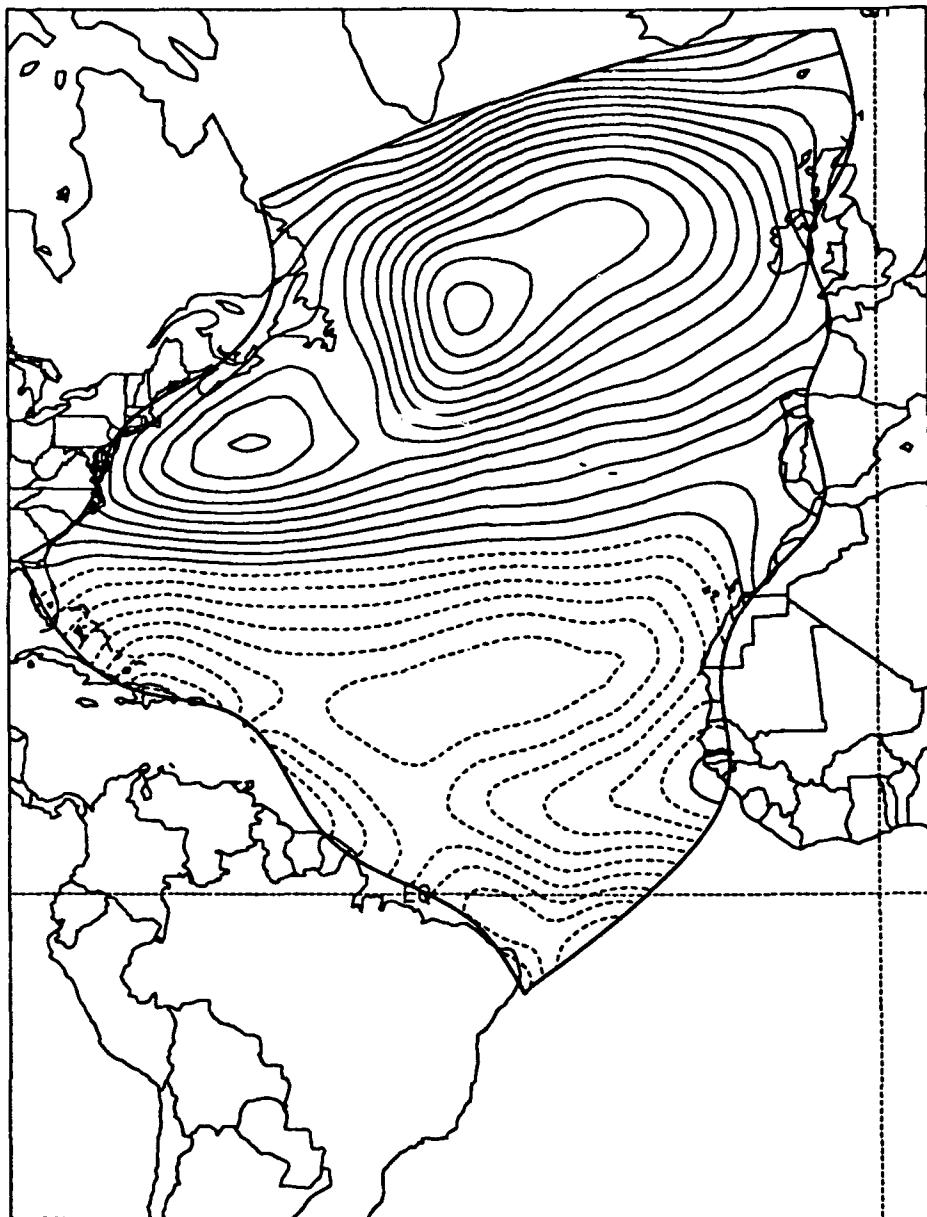


Figure 2c

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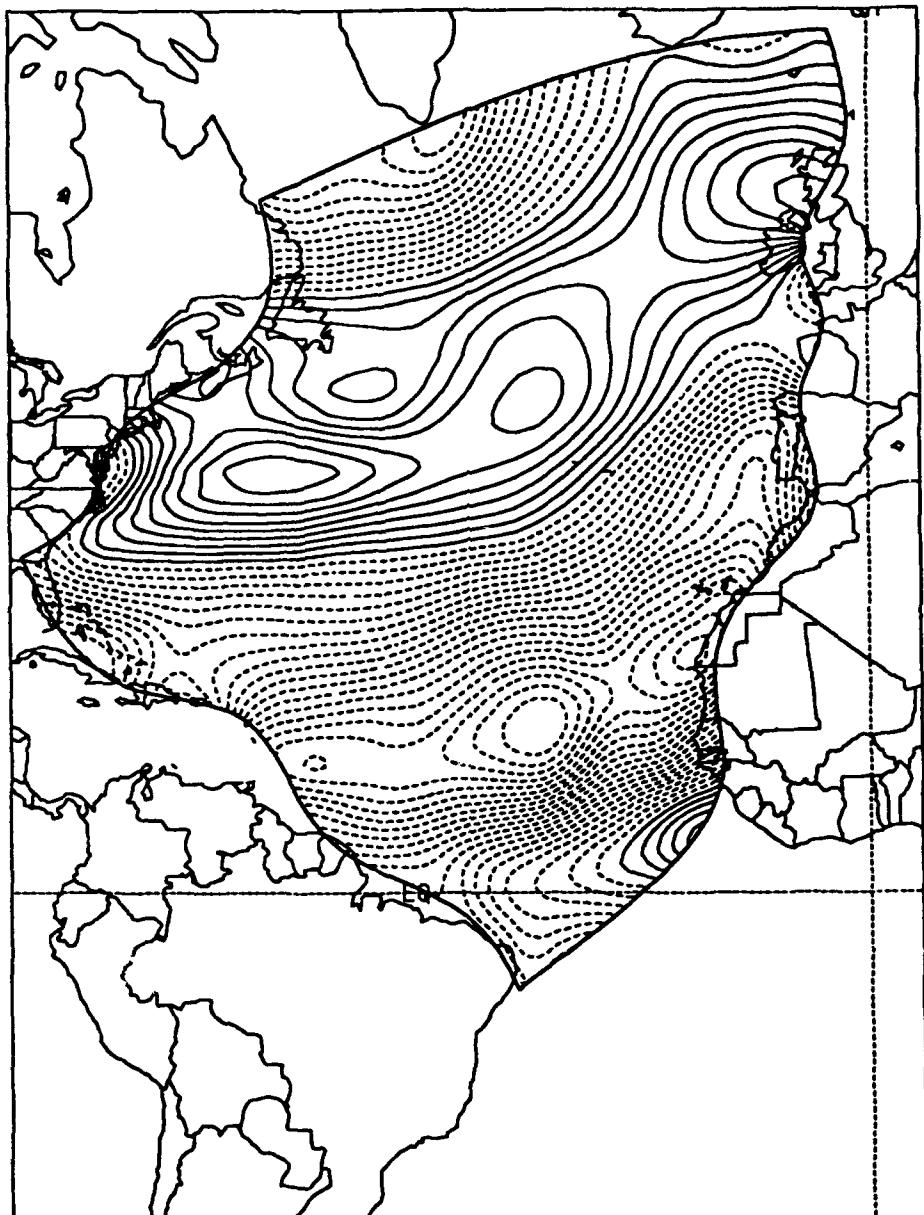
Wind X – Annual Mean



CONTOUR FROM -.000085 TO .000145 BY .000001

Figure 3a

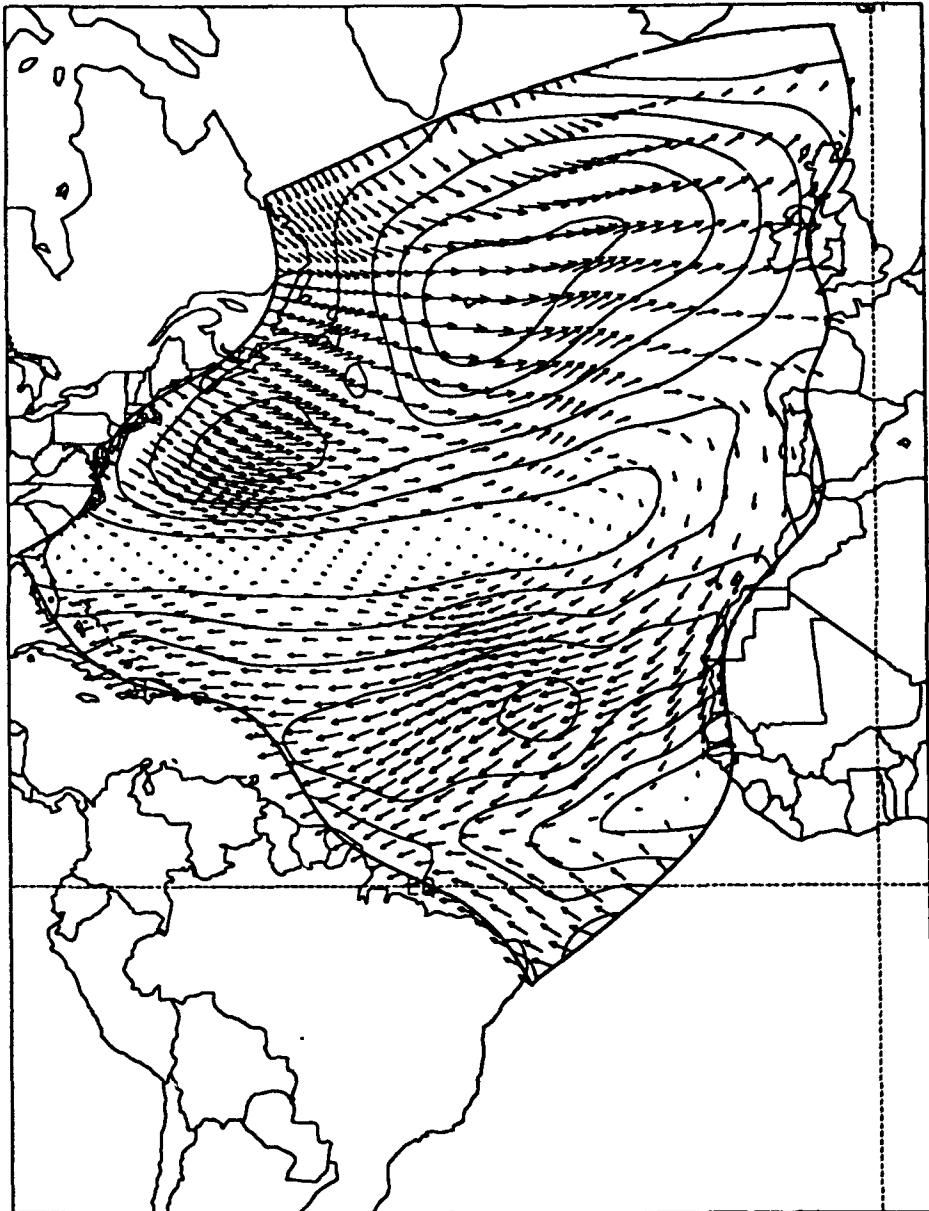
Wind Y – Annual Mean



CONTOUR FROM -.0000975 TO .0000475 BY .000005

Figure 3b

Wind with magnitude- Annual Mean



CONTOUR FROM .00003 TO .00015 BY .00002 8.158E-03
MAXIMUM VECTOR

Figure 3c

Temperature - level 4 50

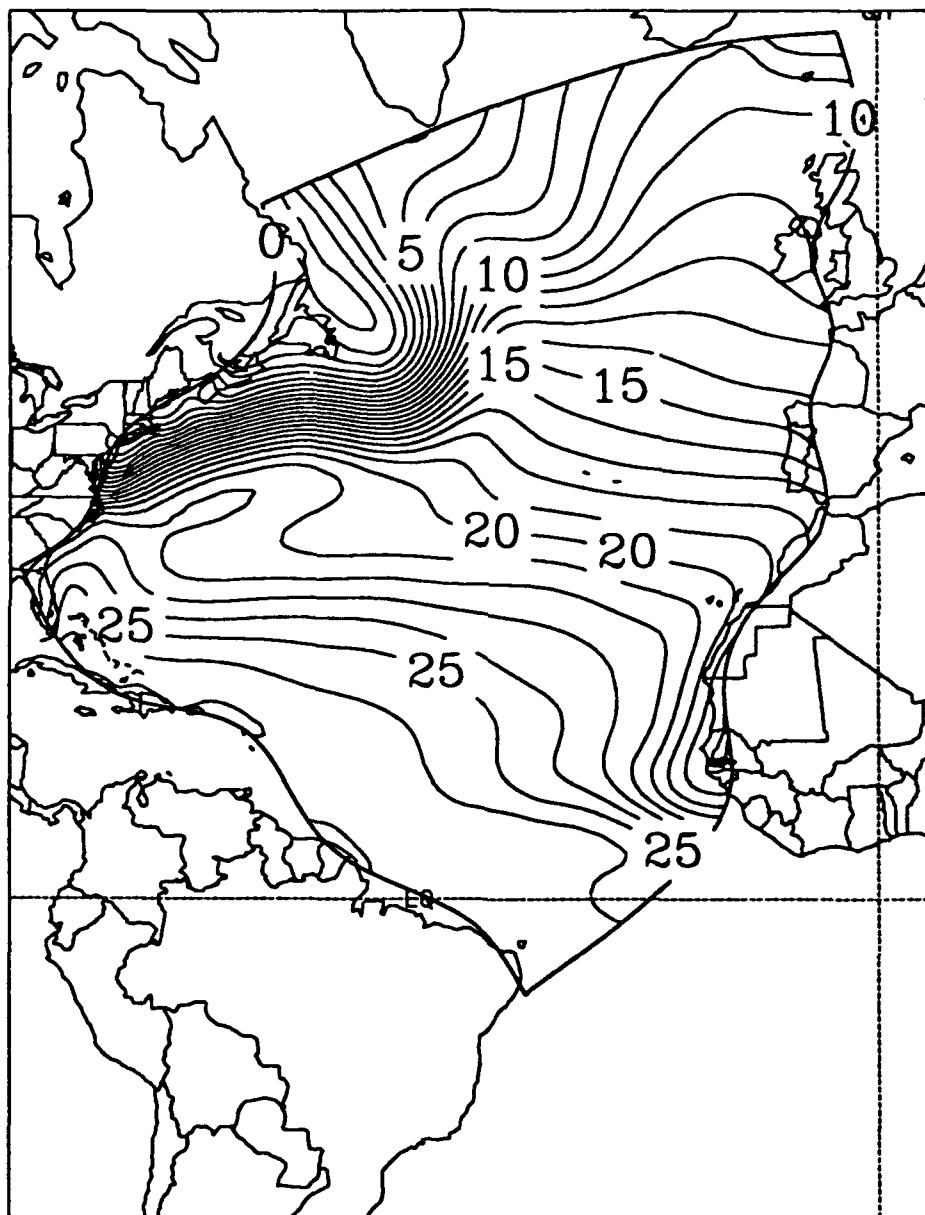
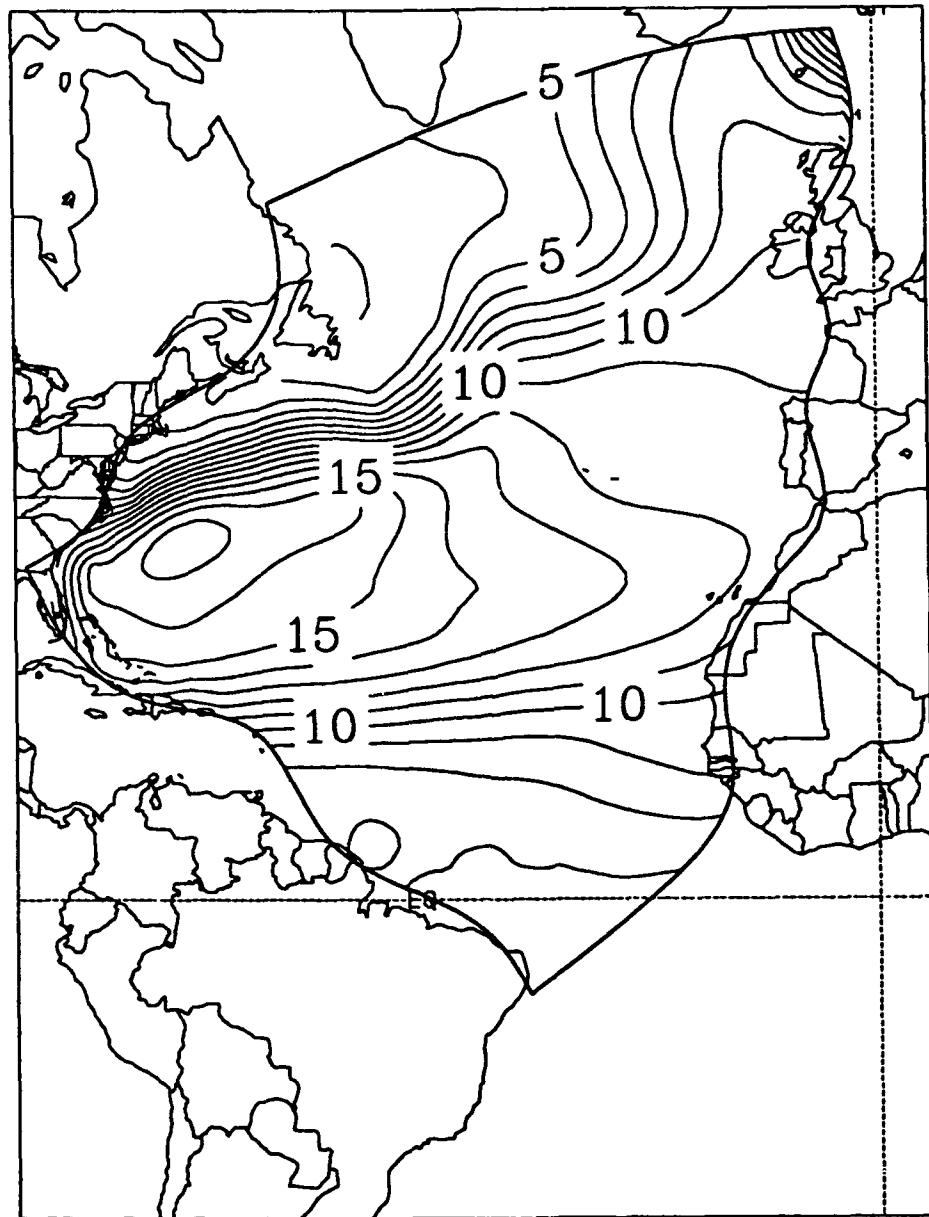


Figure 4a(1)

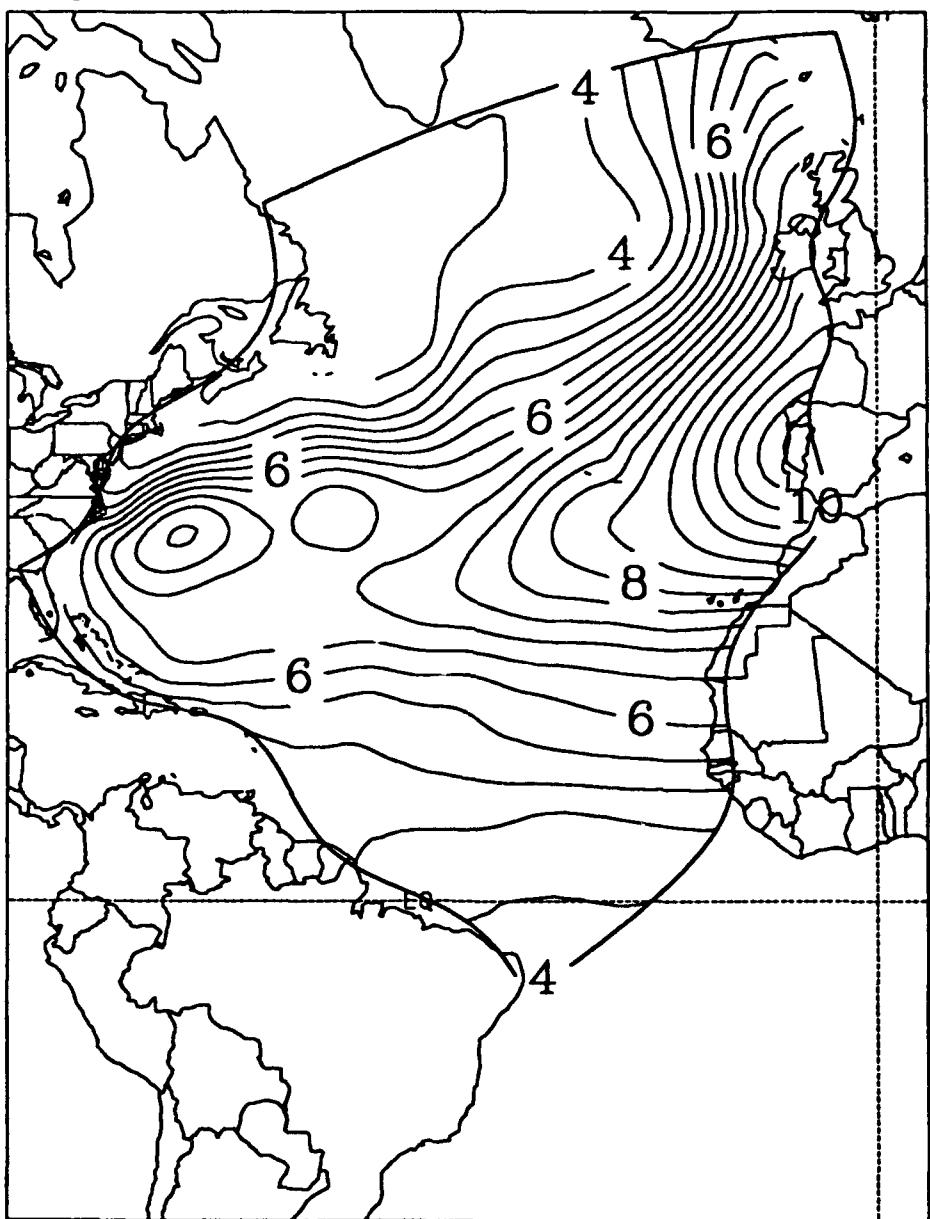
Temperature - level 13 500



CONTOUR FROM 2 TO 17 BY 1

Figure 4a(2)

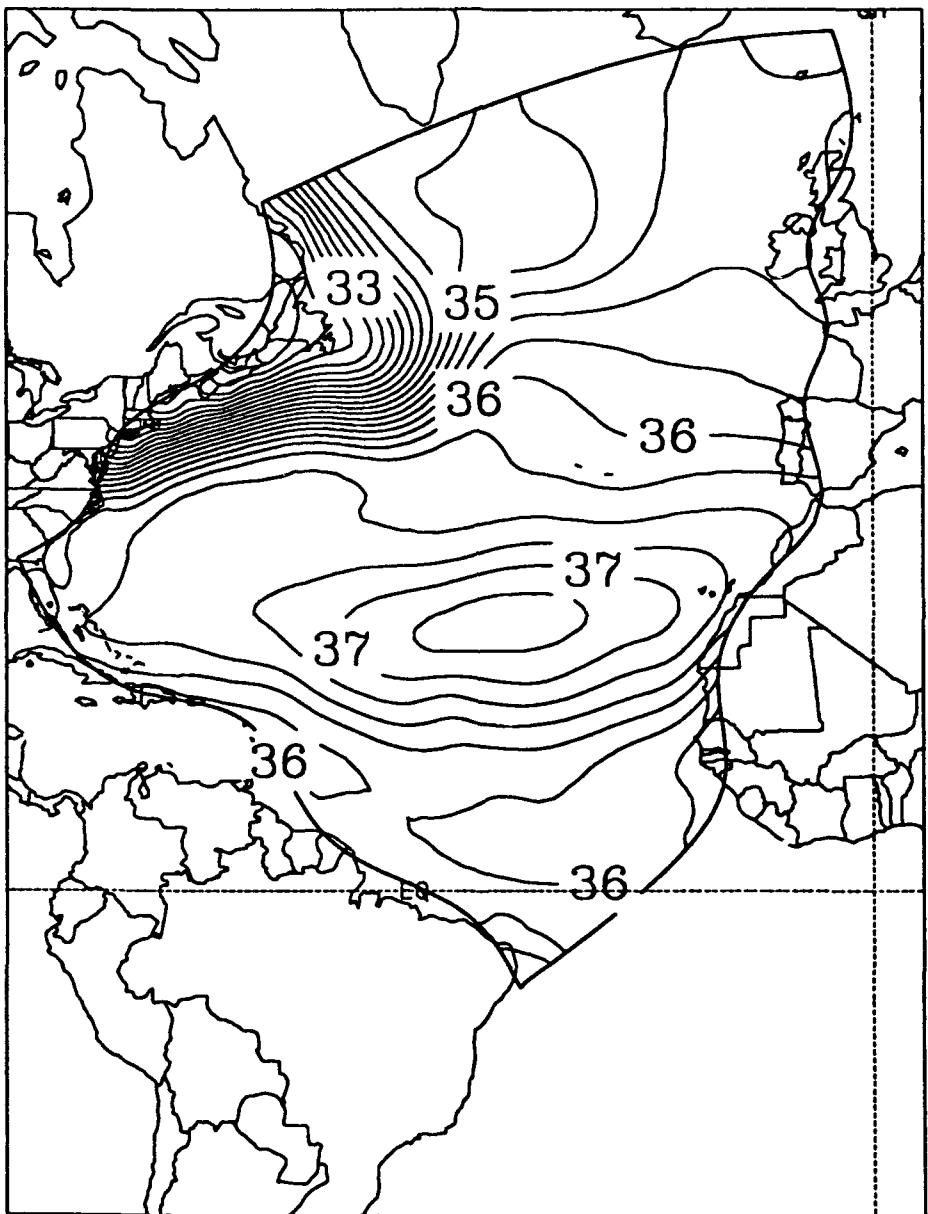
Temperature – level 18 1000



CONTOUR FROM 3.6 TO 10.8 BY .4

Figure 4a(3)

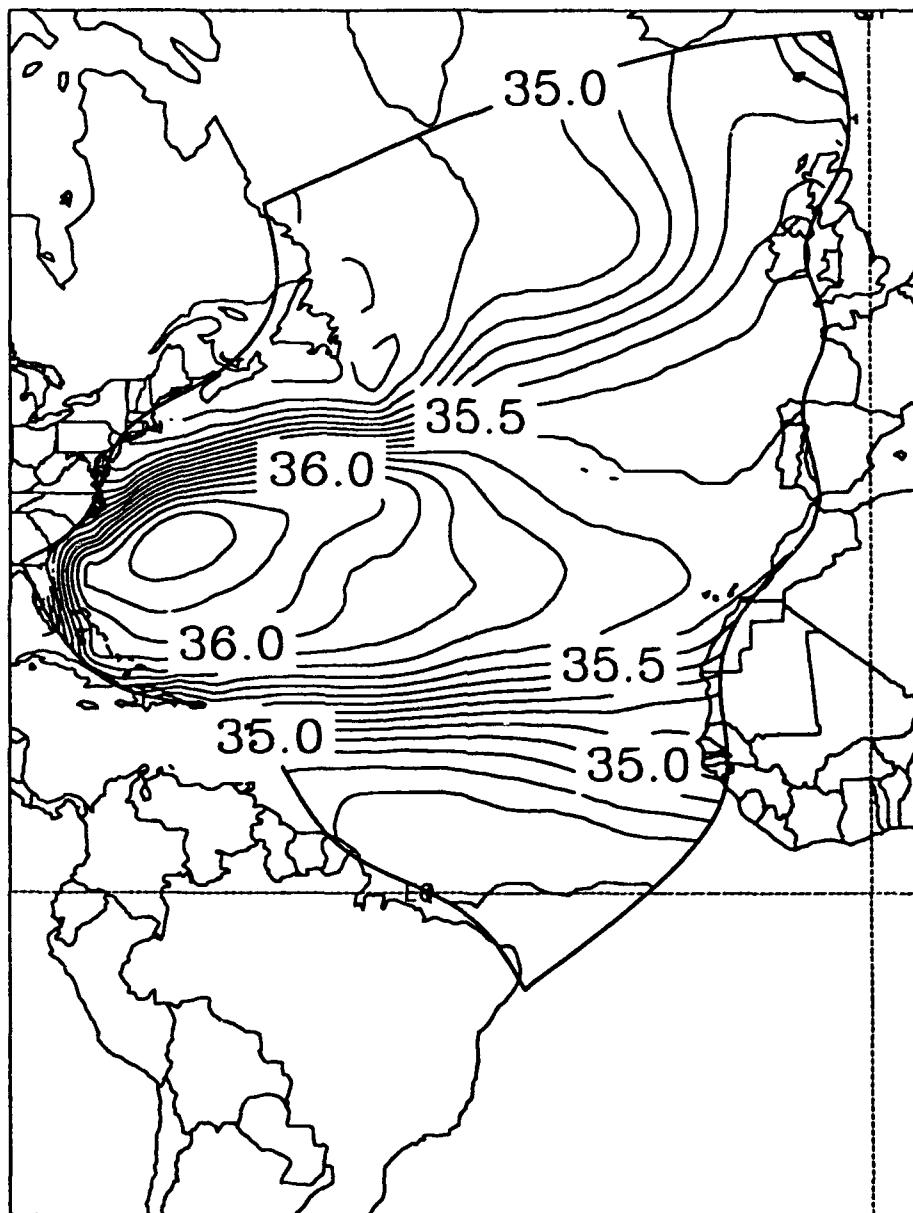
Salinity - level 4 50



CONTOUR FROM 31.75 TO 37.25 BY .25

Figure 4b(1)

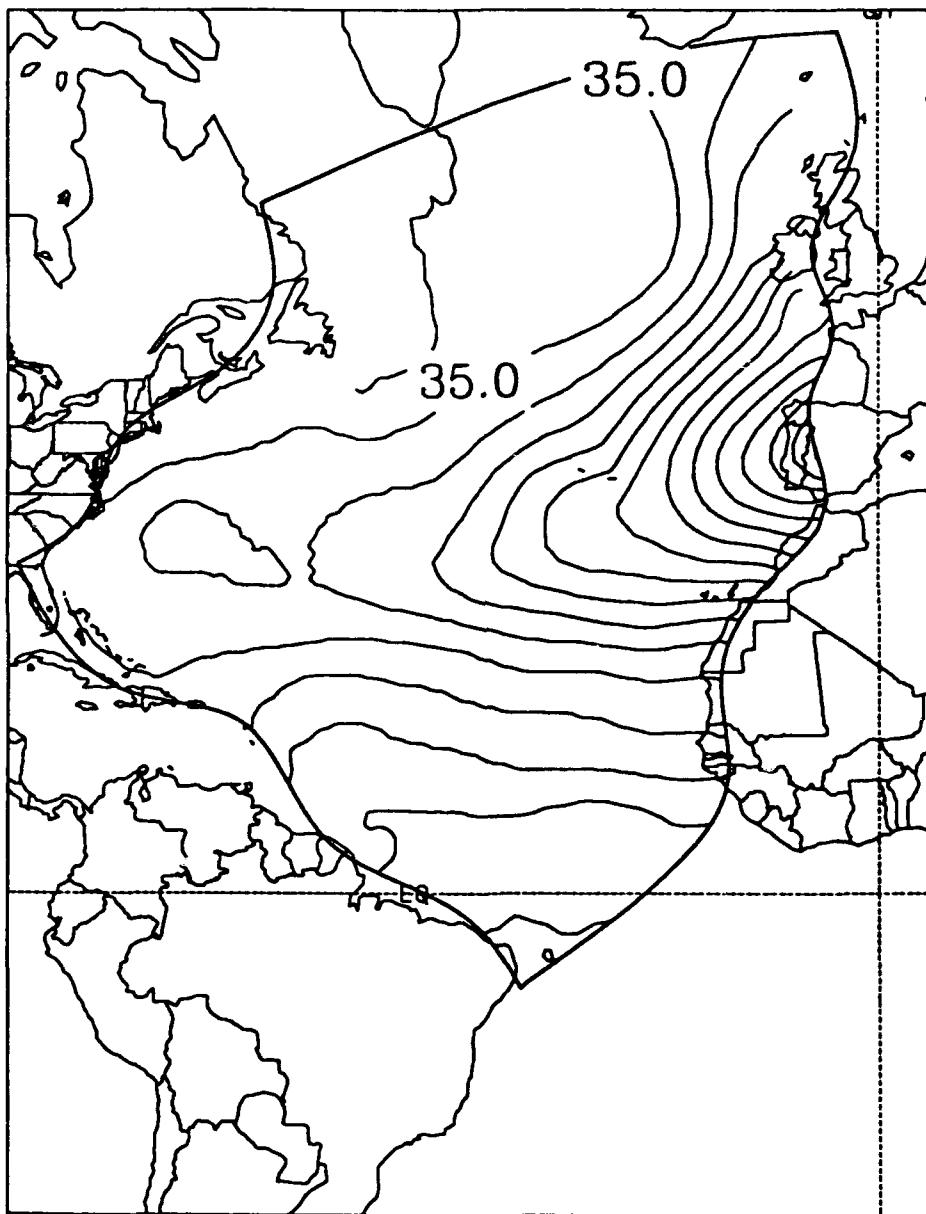
Salinity - level 13 500



CONTOUR FROM 34.6 TO 36.3 BY .1

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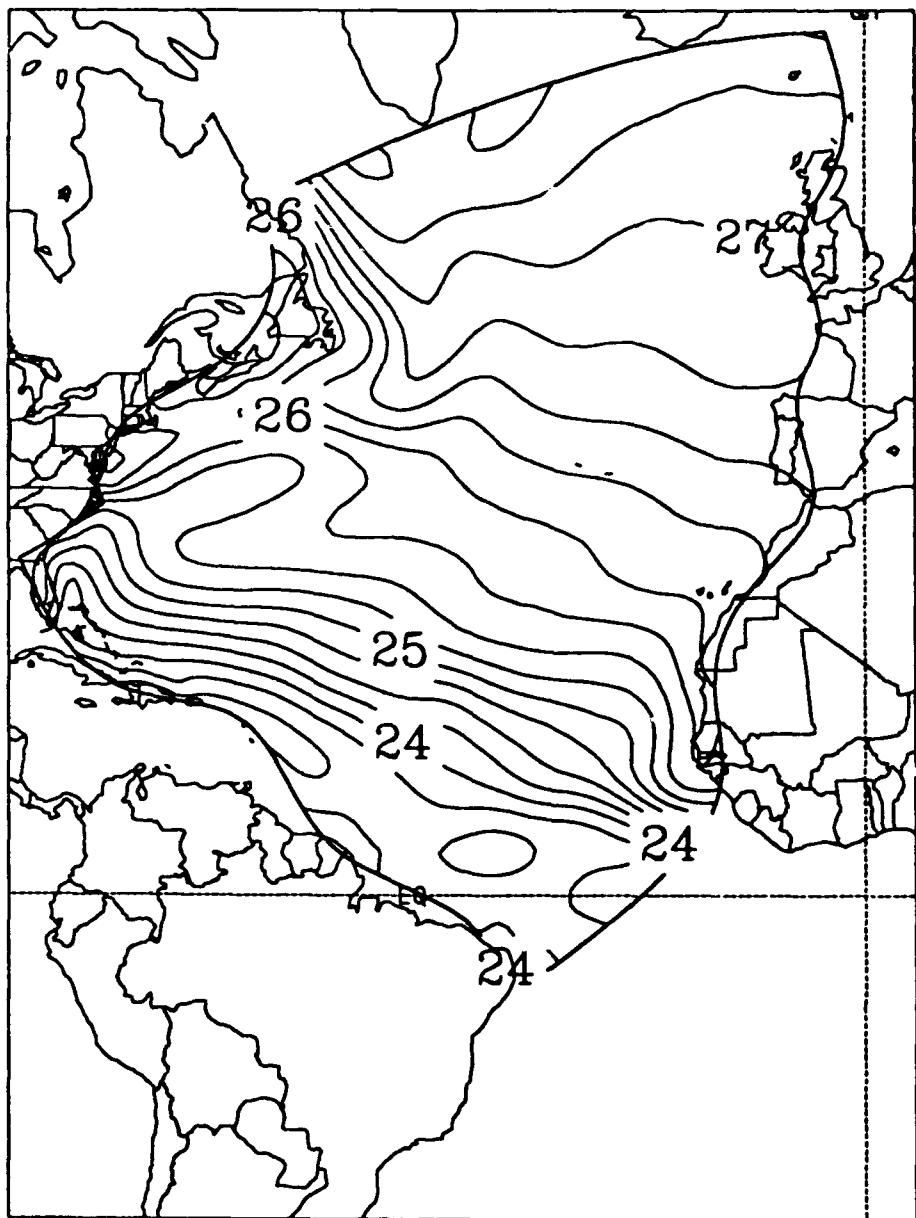
Salinity - level 18 1000



CONTOUR FROM 34.6 TO 36.2 BY .1

Figure 4b(3)

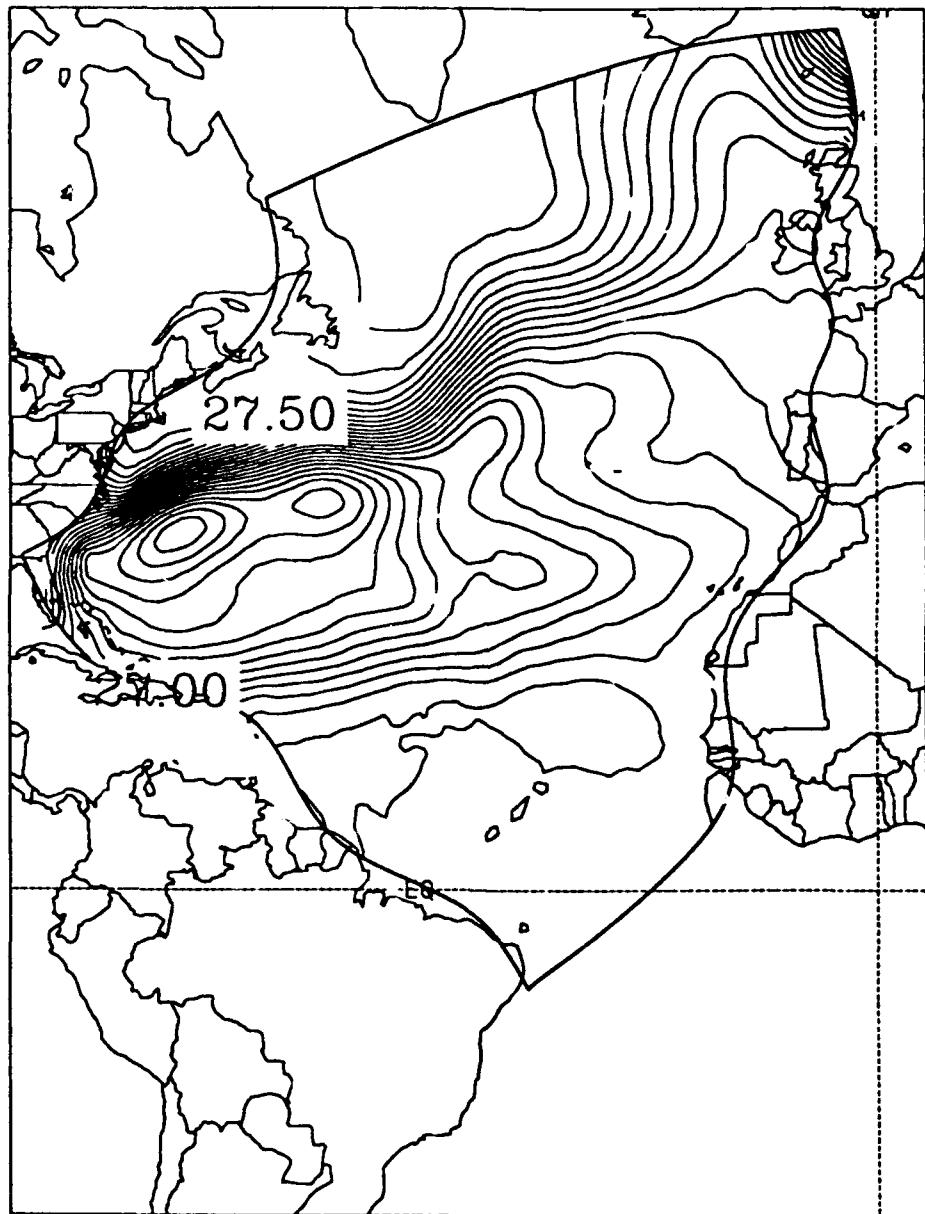
Density - level 4 50



CONTOUR FROM 23.5 TO 27.5 BY .25

Figure 4c(1)

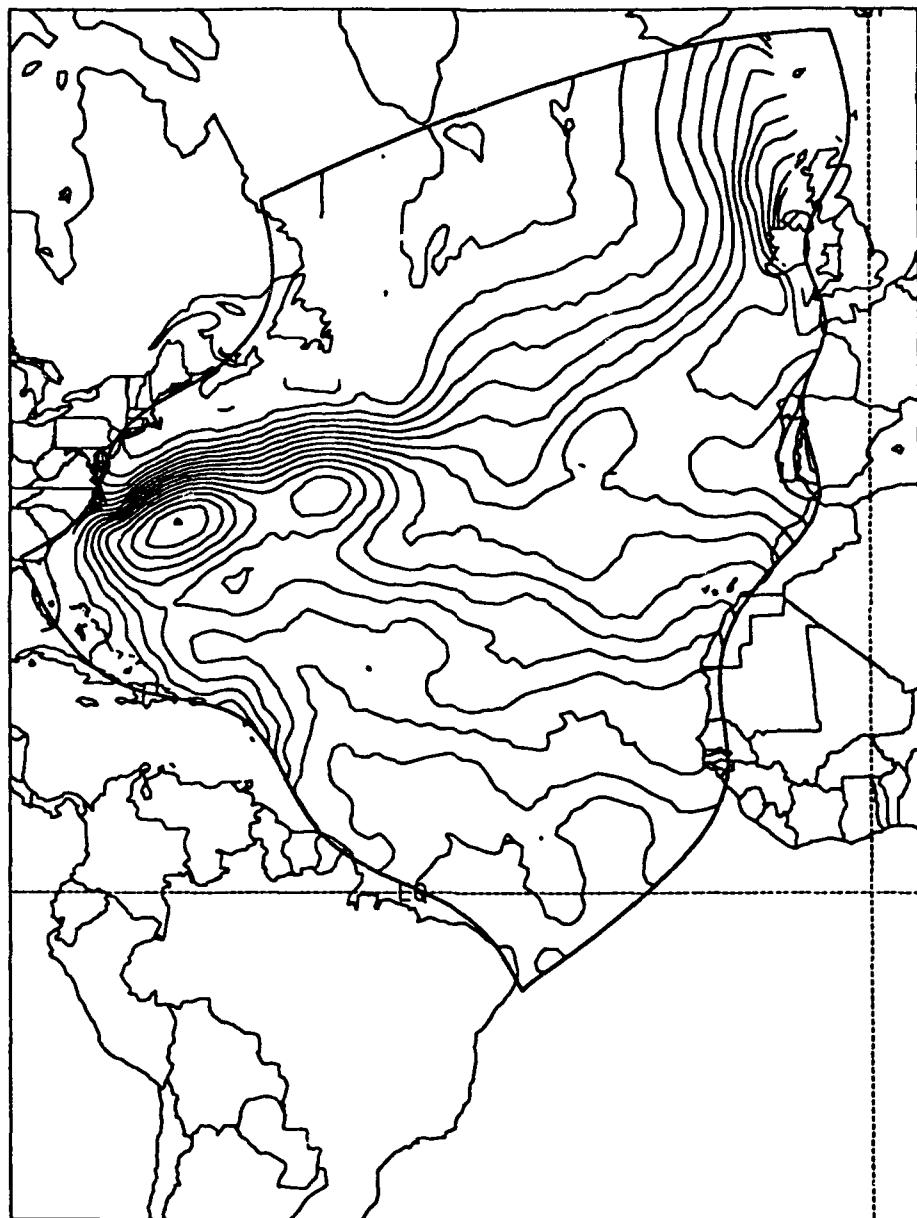
Density - level 13 500



CONTOUR FROM 26.5 TO 28 BY .05

Figure 4c(2)

Density - level 18 1000



CONTOUR FROM 27.44 TO 27.76 BY .02

Figure 4c(3)

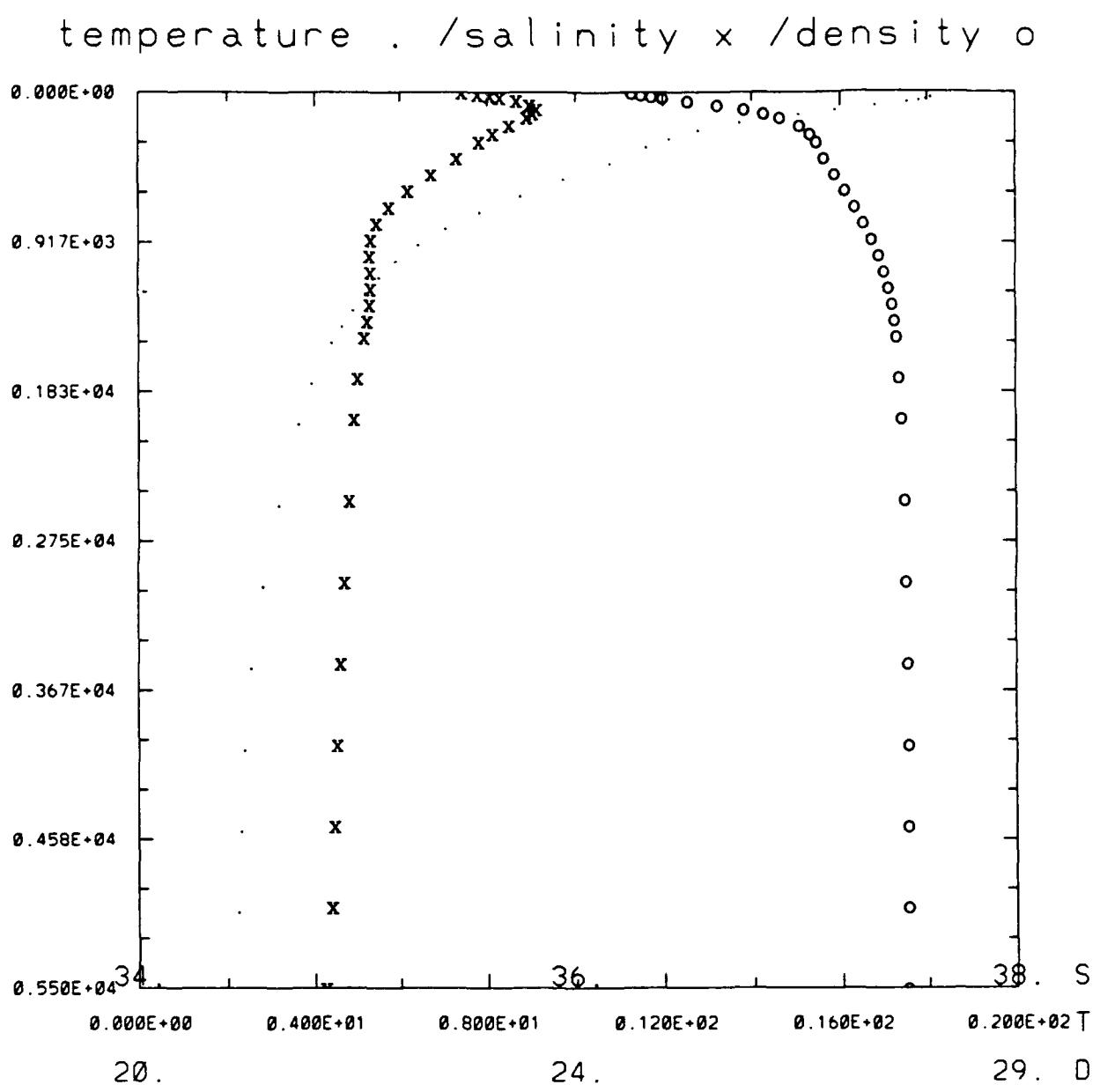


Figure 5

T Temperature-Salinity 10 - 50

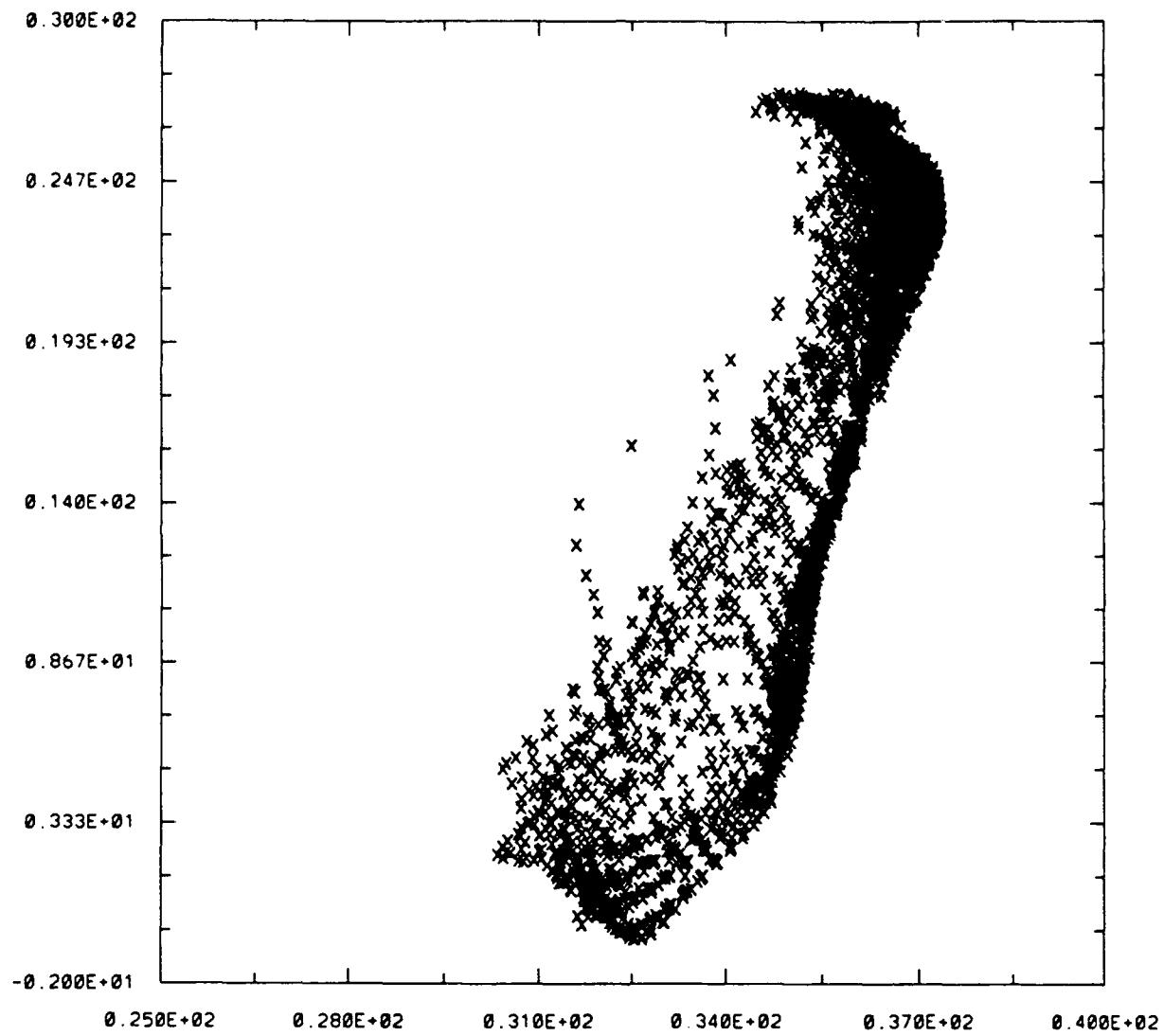
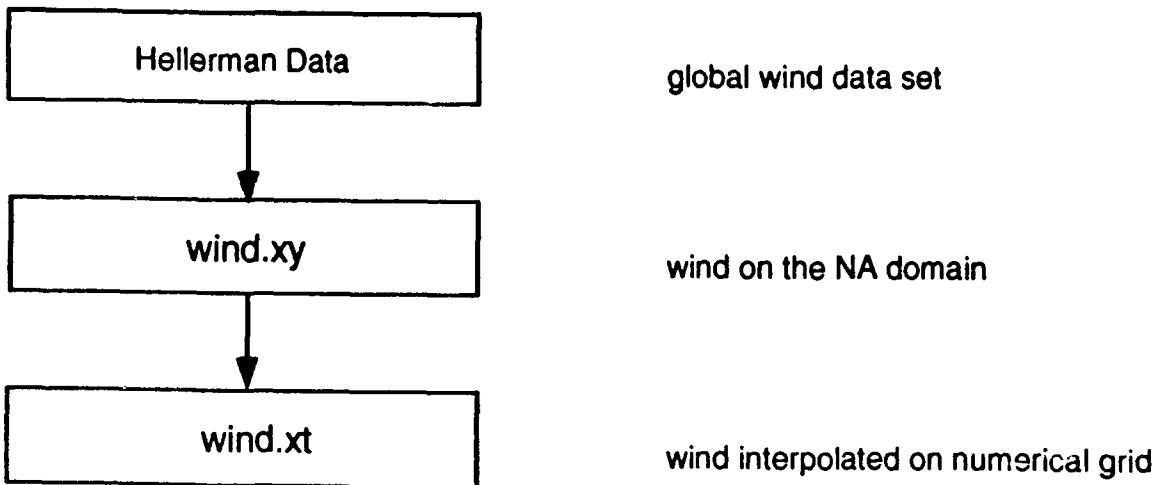


Figure 6

Wind File Diagram



Levitus File Diagram

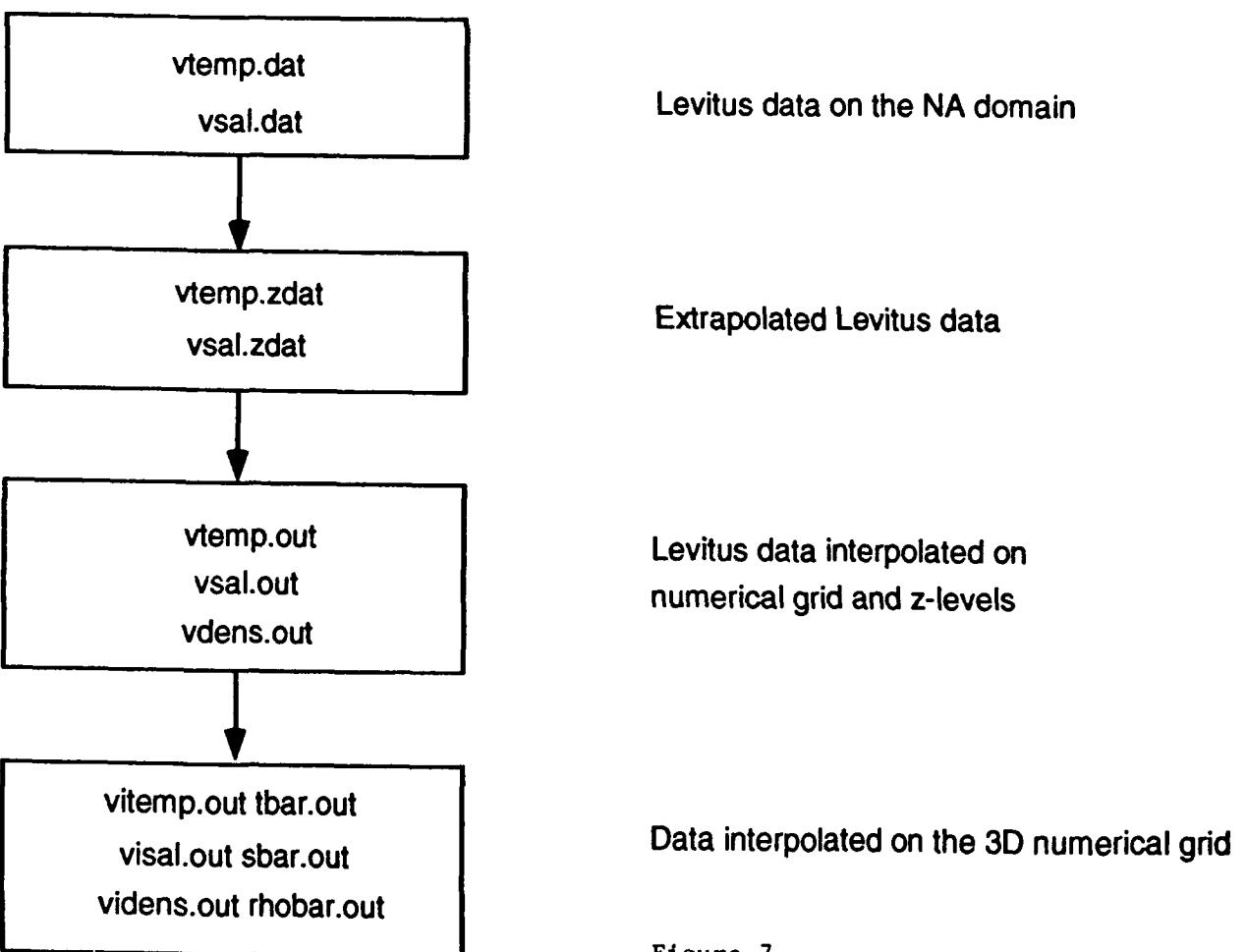


Figure 7

APPENDIX: USER'S MANUAL

This section describes the interpolation numerical procedures as well as what the user has to do to configure the programs. Changes that are the user's responsibility are concentrated in the parameter files of each program. Routines that are included in the procedures are also part of the NAUL. Files referred to as fort.* are created from the grid generation software. The diagrams of the files generated by the programs are depicted in Fig. 7.

A1: THE WIND PROCESSING PROGRAMS

1.1. PROGRAM: w3.f

The program writes a subset of the Hellerman winds for the NA. The selected lon/lat coordinates are written to a file. The dimension of the NA domain are written into indata2.par

Parameter file: w3.par

NN	number of data sets in input data file
L1 L2 M1 M2	selected lon/lat range for the NA, format 4(i4) L1,L2: lon range (max -179 to 179) M1,M2: lat range (max -89 to 89)
wind.d	input data file
wind.xy	NA wind data file
wind.ll	lon/lat coord of NA domain

Program expects $L1 < L2$, $M1 < M2$. If $L1 > L2$ program selects L1 to 179, then 1 to L2. If $M1 > M2$, program changes the order $M1 \& M2$, $M1 < M2$. The parameter file allows the parameters to be changed without recompiling.

Input file: wind.d format 6e13.6

This file contains the annual mean and 12 month wind data. For only one or more months, form the input file by concatenating from hr_ann.sm.d, m1.d, ..., m12.d, and change the

number of data sets in the parameter file to the appropriate number. The annual mean counts as one data set, as do each of the months.

Output files: wind.xy format e13.6
 wind.ll format e13.6
 indata2.par parameter file

1.2. PROGRAM: r2.f

This program extracts the numerical grid lon/lat coordinates from the input file.

Parameter file: grid2.par

L size in x direction of numerical grid
 M size in y direction of numerical grid

Input file: fort.62

Output file: spem.ll format e13.6

1.3. PROGRAM: bilw.f

This program performs bilinear interpolation of the wind components onto the numerical grid. The interpolated vectors then need to be adjusted to the numerical (ξ, η) orthogonal coordinate axes.

Parameter file: grid.par (cfr. r2.f)

Parameter file: indata2.par

NX size in x direction of NA domain
NY size in y direction of NA domain

Parameter file: bilw.par

wind.xy	NA wind component data file
wind.ll	NA domain lon/lat data file
spem.ll	numerical grid lon/lat data file
wind.xt	interpolated output data file

Input files: wind.xy
wind.ll
spem.ll
fort.60 (needed for axes adjustment)

Output file: wind.xt format 12(e12.6)

Routine: trgd2d (2-D bilinear interpolation)

1.4. PROGRAM: wl1.f

This program creates the gmeta plotfile (contours and/or vectors) for the NA wind data sets.

Compile using: f77 -c -O3 -cg89 -o wl1.o wl1.f
ncargf77 -cg89 -u -o wlplot.exe wl1.o

Parameter file: indata2.par (cfr. bilw.f)

Parameter file: wl1.par

NN	number of months selected
A A A A A	plot contour options
X	plots X contours
Y	plots Y contours
V	plots vectors
P	plots vector magnitude & direction
wind.xy	input data file
NNN	selected months (in ascending order)

Running wiplot.exe again with a modified parameter file wl1.par will create a new gmeta plotfile.

Input file: wind.xy

Output file: gmeta

1.5. PROGRAM: wl1.f

This program creates the **gmeta** plotfile (contours and/or vectors) for the wind data sets interpolated on the numerical grid.

Compile using: f77 -c -O3 -cg89 -o wl1.o wl1.f

ncargf77 -cg89 -u -o wiplot.exe wl1.o plots.o saxpy.o grafs.o

Parameter files: grid2.par (cfr. r2.f)
wl1.par (cfr. wl1.f)

Running wiplot.exe again with a modified parameter file wl1.par will create a new gmeta plotfile.

Input files: wind.xt
fort.3

Output file: gmeta

Routines: NCAR graphics
cpshift (for contours)
velvct (for vectors)

A2: THE LEVITUS DATA PROCESSING PROGRAMS

2.1. PROGRAM: gll.f

This program prepares the lon/lat coord file for the Levitus data restricted on the NA domain. The values of NX, NY (size of the NA domain) are written to indata3.par.

Parameter file: gll.par

L1 L2 M1 M2 selected lon/lat range, format 4(i4)
 L1, L2: lon range (max -179 to 179)
 M1, M2: lat range (max -89 to 89)
 lev1.ll lon/lat coordfile of selected data

Output files: lev1.ll format e13.6
indata3.par parameter file

2.2. PROGRAM: zgi.f

This program performs zgrid interpolation (on regular grid) of the 3-D Levitus temperature/salinity data.

Parameter file: indata3.par

NX size in x direction of Levitus NA domain
NY size in y direction of Levitus NA domain

Parameter file: zgi.par

vtemp.dat input data file
vtemp.zdat extrapolated data file

Input file: vtemp.dat or vsal.dat **format** 8f10.2

Output file: vtemp.zdat or vsal.zdat format f10.2

Routine: zgrid (2-D interpolation)

2.3. PROGRAM: bilt.f

This program performs horizontal (bilinear) 2-D interpolation of the data on the numerical grid.

Parameter files: indata3.par (cfr. trn.f)

Parameter file: grid3.par

L	size in x direction of numerical grid
M	size in y direction of numerical grid

Parameter file: bilt.par

vtemp.zdat	input data file
lev1.ll	input lon/lat coordfile
spem.ll	numerical grid lon/lat coordfile (cfr. r2.f)
vtemp.zout	interpolated output data file

Input files: vtemp.zdat or vsal.zdat format f10.2

lev1.ll

spem.ll

fort.3

Output file: vtemp.zout or vsal.zout format i3 e13.6 12(e12.6)
level mean data

Routine: trgd2d (2-D bilinear interpolation)

2.4. PROGRAM: rh1.f

This program computes the density from temperature and salinity 2-D interpolated data.

Parameter file: grid3.par (cfr. bilt.f)

Parameter file: rh1.par

vtemp.zout	2-D interpolated temperature data file
vsal.zout	2-D interpolated salinity data file

vdens.zout density output data file

Input files: vtemp.zout
vsal.zout

2.5. PROGRAM: vit1.f

This program performs vertical (spline) interpolation of the 3-D data on the numerical grid.

Parameter file: grid3.par (cfr. bilt.f)

Parameter file: vinterp.par

XX parameter h_c
 XX parameter θ
 N number of levels in model

Parameter file: vit1.par

vtemp.zout	interpolated (horizontal) input data file
vitemp.zout	vertically interpolated output data file
vitbar.zout	vertically interpolated basic state data file

Input files: vtemp.zout, vsal.zout, or vdens.zout
fort.3

Routine: splint (spline interpolation)

2.6. PROGRAM: tl1.f

This program creates **gmeta** plotfile (contours) for the Levitus temperature and salinity data on the NA domain.

Compile using: f77 -c -O3 -cg89 -o tl1.o tl1.f

ncargf77 -cg89 -u -o tlplot.exe tl1.o

Parameter file: indata3.par (cfr. gll.f)

Parameter file: tl1.par

NN	number of levels selected
A	T for temperature, S for salinity
vtemp.zdat	input data file
NNNN	selected levels (ascending order, in meters)

Running tlplot.exe again with a modified parameter file tl1.par will create a new gmeta plotfile.

Input file: vtemp.zdat or vsal.zdat

Output file: gmeta

Routines: NCAR graphics
copenrc

2.7. PROGRAM: ti1.f

This program creates **gmeta** plotfile (contours) for data sets interpolated on the numerical grid.

Compile using: f77 -c -O3 -cg89 -o ti1.o ti1.f

ncargf77 -cg89 -u -o tiplot.exe ti1.o plots.o saxpy.o

Parameter file: grid3.par (cfr. bilt.f)

Parameter file: til.par

NN	number of levels selected
A	T for temperature, S for salinity
vtemp.zout	interpolated input data file
NNNN	selected levels (ascending order, in meters)

Running tiplot.exe again with a modified parameter file til.par will create a new gmeta plotfile.

Input files: vtemp.zout or vsal.zout
fort.3

Output file: gmeta

Routines: NCAR graphics
cprect

2.8. PROGRAM: cil.f

Interactive program, creates color gmeta plotfile (contours) for the data interpolated on the numerical grid.

Compile using: f77 -c -O3 -cg89 -o cil.o cil.f

ncargf77 -cg89 -u -o ciplot.exe cil.o plots.o saxpy.o

Parameter file: grid3.par (cfr. bilt.f)

Parameter file: cil.par

NN	number of levels selected
NNNN	selected levels (ascending order, in meters)

- Running `ciplot.exe` again with a modified parameter file `cil.par` will create a new gmeta plotfile.

Input file: vtemp.zout, vsal.zout, or vdens.zout

Program prompts for following:

A	t (temperature), s (salinity), or r(density)
A(30)	data filename
A(26)	title of plot
NNN	minimum contour level
NNN	maximum contour level

Different color scales are used for temperature and salinity:

t: grey/blue/green/red; s, or r: yellow/green/red/brown

The maximum/minimum contour levels specify the range of contour values to be plotted.

These need not correspond to the max/min of the data. If 0 is entered for both max and min contour levels, then the program uses the data max and min. Max/min data and label values for the contours are dumped to file cil.out.

Output files: gmeta cil.out

2.9. PROGRAM: dts.f

This program creates a 'gmeta' plotfile of the vertical profile of temperature, salinity, and density basic state distribution.

Compiled using: f77 -c -O3 -cg89 -o dts.o dts.f

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ncargf77 -cg89 -u -o dtsplot.exe dts.o
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Parameter file: grid3.par (cfr. bilt.f)

Parameter file: dts.par

vtemp.zout	temperature data file
vsal.zout	salinity data file
vdens.zout	density data file

Input files: vtemp.zout
vsal.zout
vdens.zout

Output file: gmeta

2.10. PROGRAM: ts1.f

This program creates a T-S diagram for the 2-D interpolated data sets on z-levels.

Compile using: f77 -c -O3 -cg89 -o ts1.o ts1.f

ncargf77 -cg89 -u -o tsplot.exe ts1.o

Parameter file: grid3.par (cfr. bilt.f)

Parameter file: gplot.par

XL	minimum salinity plotted
RX	maximum salinity plotted
BY	minimum temperature plotted
TY	maximum temperature plotted

Parameter file: ts1.par

NN	interval between points plotted
NNNN	if 1, every point in data files is plotted
NNNN	minimum depth (in meters) of point plotted
vtemp.ozut	maximum depth (in meters) of points plotted
vsal.zout	interpolated temperature data
	interpolated salinity data

Input files: vtemp.zout
vsal.zout

Output file: gmeta

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